

# VILLAGE OF OTTER LAKE – TALK OF THE TOWN

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## Otter Lake Awarded Best Environmental Project for 2007

The American Public Works Association awarded Otter Lake with the Best Environmental Project for 2007 for their sewer treatment plant. The APWA honored the Village at the banquet at Boyne Mountain held on May 24, 2007. The award will be displayed at the Otter Lake Village Hall.

### OTTER LAKE CAMPGROUND NEWS

The Otter Lake Campground now has full hookups. This includes water, sewer and electrical. Thanks to Tim and Karl (our DPW guys) for doing all the work and saving the Village plenty of \$\$! We are sure the campers will enjoy the amenities.



## Otter Lake Days 2007

Otter Lake Days will be held on July 7-8 this year. The theme this year is "Who We Are Now". The highlight will be the parade. If interested in participating please meet at Otter Lake Elementary at noon on Saturday, July 7.

Saturday there will be a magic show, pie-eating contest, Turtle Olympics and the honoring of the Citizens of the Year.

Sunday there will be a Michigan Wrestlers Expo at 1pm in the park, as well as the Ecumenical Church Service.

All activities will be held in the tennis courts on Genesee Street, just west of Detroit St.



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### July 4 Celebration

The Village will again be hosting fireworks for the 4th of July. Besides having the best fireworks show around, there will be a other activities taking place at this year's celebration, as well. They include:

- The Tommy Rivera Band will play in the park from 2pm until 6pm
- The Sauce Cats will play from 6 until 10pm in the park.
- Hotdogs and refreshments will be sold by the fire department in the park
- At 10 pm there will an awesome fireworks display

Remember to stop at Lee Lee's for a delicious banana split or brownie sundae or just a plain ice cream cone!

### PLANNING COMMISSION

The Otter Lake Planning Commission is still in need of alternates. We meet once a month on Monday's at 7pm and our meetings are open to the public. The meeting schedule is listed on page 3 of this newsletter. If you are interested please contact Linda Kucharski at 810-793-0039 or Joan Skias at the village office at 793-2665.

### Summer Happenings

Here comes Otter Lake Days. Mark your calendars for July 7-8. Flyers will be distributed in the Flint Journal, the LA View and can be found on Channel 12 & Channel 5 websites on their Community Bulletin Boards.

Southern Links Trailways will be hosting a pork loin dinner/silent auction on June 7. It will be held at the Columbiaville United Methodist Church. If you would like to donate to the auction please contact the Village Office at 871-2702.

There will be a car show on Sunday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> in downtown Otter Lake. They are expecting 150+ cars to be on display. Come on down and take a peek. For the ladies, there will be a Village-wide rummage sale held in conjunction with the car show! Everyone is invited to display their wares but please remember that there is a 3-day limit on rummage sales per Village ordinance. If it hasn't sold in 3 days you may want to pack it up and donate it to Goodwill.

The Lakeville Adopt-A-Family will hold a Pig Roast on Sunday, July 8 at 2pm at the Otter Lake Bar. All proceeds go to the group that helps the

### Pavilion Dedication

The Otter Lake Fire Department will be constructing a pavilion just inside the gated entrance to the Otter Lake park. The pavilion will be dedicated to Ernie Jones and LeRay VanAmburg who both served on the Otter Lake Fire Department for many, many years.

A special thank you to Bill Clark who provided the funding for the cement floor for the new pavilion.

**Visit the Village website at [www.villageofotterlake.com](http://www.villageofotterlake.com)**

### Downtown Development Authority

In a meeting held on Tuesday May 29, the DDA approved paving for the park entrance and parking area and replacement of the roof on the museum. If you are interested in being on the Citizens Committee which helps guide the DDA, please contact Joan Skias at the Village office at 810-793-2665.

### Keeping our Village Safe

If you see something happening in the Village that puts you or your neighbors at risk, please call the police department, immediately! If you see trouble or think there is something unacceptable going on please call one of the numbers listed below:

- Emergency only**     **911**
- Non-emergency**    **664-1801 or 667-0292**
- State Police**        **664-2905**



It is important that all Village members work together to create a safe, secure place to live. Keeping the riff-raff and troublemakers out of our Village is an important step in keeping our beautiful village the way we like it. Please don't hesitate to call if you see something that needs to be reported!

### Rails to Trails Update

With the start of construction looming near, the Southern Links Trailway Council continues to raise money to help reach their trailway goals. The Trailway Council hosted a spaghetti dinner/silent auction fundraiser in April at the Forest Township hall, raising approximately \$2,000 and another fundraiser was held on May 19 in Otter Lake behind Woern's gas station. The day was unusually cold and gloomy which affected the turnout but they still collected \$1,000. Great work Trailway Council and those neighbors and friends who supported their efforts.

If you are interested in becoming a donor or a volunteer please contact Ray Benson at 810-691-8880! And visit their website at [www.southernlinkstrailway.com](http://www.southernlinkstrailway.com)!



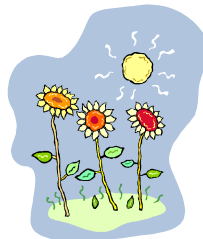
### Reminder

Don't forget to put your yard waste alongside the curb on Monday mornings for pick-up by the DPW. And please don't forget to remove your garbage receptacles from the roads edge. If your cans are not removed from the roadside by Tuesday morning they will be picked up by the Village!!

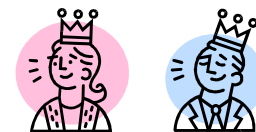


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### New Flower Beds.....



Many thanks to Rhonda Laur of Hemingway Lake and the volunteers from Lapeer County Master Gardeners who did all the work planting the beautiful flower beds across from Woern's Marathon Gas station and in front of the Seventh Day Adventist church on Otter Lake Road. What a beautiful greeting for anyone entering the village!!



**Congratulations to Joe and Ann Norton for being chosen as Honored Citizens of the Year.**

### Otter Lake DDA

In a meeting held on Tuesday, May 29, 2007, the Otter Lake DDA \*\*Note: Additional volunteers are still needed for our citizens committee which has input on how the DDA funds are spent. Please contact Marsha Aiken at 793-xxxx for additional information.